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SUBJECT: LYKES LINES VISIT

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1. EMBASSY REQUESTED ADVISE TAYLOR AND BERKEFELD OF LYKES LINES THAT ONLY POTENTIAL CONTACT FOR HIS VISIT KNOWN TO US IS ABU DHABI NATIONAL OIL COMPANY (ADNOC) WHICH HAS OPTED TO BUY ITS OWN CRUDE TANKERS RATHER THAN ENTER INTO JOINT VENTURES. COMPANY MAY HOWEVER BE RECEPTIVE TO OFFERS FOR MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS FOR ITS FLEDGLING FLEET.

2. PRODUCT TANKERS ARE STILL VERY FAR DOWN THE ROAD FOR ADNOC. PRESENTLY, COMPANY BELIEVES ITS MAJOR PRODUCT MARKETS ARE IN FAR EAST AND JAPAN. SINCE EXPORT REFINERY WILL BE LOCATED IN ABU DHABI RATHER THAN CLOSE TO MARKETS, ADNOC WILL NEED PRODUCT TANKERS OF 200,000-250,000 DWT TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE.

3. DUBAI HOTELS FULLY BOOKED THROUGH MID-MARCH. IT IS POSSIBLE TO MAKE DAY TRIPS TO DUBAI VIA TAXI FROM ABU DHABI. ROUD TRIP IS DOLLARS 75.
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